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1. SUMMARY: SUBJECT MEETING OPENED JUNE 3 WITH ELECTION OF TEESE (AUSTRALIA) AS CHAIRMAN (US SECONDED FRG NOMINATION). DISCUSSION CENTERED ON MOST APPROPRIATE AGENDA ITEMS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UN. PAUL MARC HENRY, PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AND FRENCH EXPERT OF INTERNATIONAL PANEL ON UN ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, BRIEFED DELEGATES ON PANEL'S WORK AND RECOMMENDATIONS. OECD DEPUTY SEC-GEN ELDIN SUMMARIZED FOR PARTICIPANTS RECENT COUNCIL DECISION TO ESTABLISH AD HOC GROUP ON LDC RELATIONS AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW GROUP ON SUBJECT COMMITTEE'S FUTURE WORK. HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

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2. AGENDA ITEMS ON R&A AND UNCTAD TDB AND UNCTAD IV WERE GIVEN MOST CURSORY TREATMENT. US DEL OUTLINED

CURRENT ACTIVITY OF ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON R&A, NOTING THAT G-77 WAS CONCENTRATING ON DRAFTING REVISIONS TO IDS, WHILE SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE DRAFTING PARAGRAPHS FOR COMMITTEE REPORT. SWEDISH DEL NOTED THAT G-77 PAPER ON INDUSTRIALIZATION APPARENTLY BUILD ON LIMA DECLARATION, FOOD PAPER ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, AND TRADE PAPER ON REPORT OF 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF TDB. DISCUSSION ON UNCTAD MATTERS CONSISTED OF REPORTING BY GENEVA DELS ON DEVELOPMENTS (OR LACK THEREOF) AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY US MISSION GENEVA.

3. DEBATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION DID NOT FOCUS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, BUT RATHER ON WHAT SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT CONSTITUTE THE AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION. WHILE THE U.S. MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN DEPTELS 106230 AND 127992, WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS OF THE ITEM-BY-ITEM DIFFICULTIES WITH THE G-77 SHOPPING LIST (CRP.1 OF THE PREPCOM FOR THE 7TH SS), THE MAJORITY OF THE OECD COUNTRIES FOUND THE G-77 LIST AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA. THE U.S. POINT THAT ANY LANGUAGE FOR AN AGENDA WOULD HAVE TO BE STATED IN TERMS THAT AVOIDED PREJUDICING THE SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT. MANY DELEGATES WISHED TO ADD TO THE G-77 LIST ITEMS ON THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND ON SOCIAL OBJECTIVES. THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WAS A CALL BY CHAIRMAN TEESE OF AUSTRALIA FOR THE OECD SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A TABULATION OF THE VARYING VIEWS EXPRESSED FOR FUTURE USE BY OECD-MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND DELEGATES TO THE PREPCOM IN NEW YORK.

4. IF MEETING ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING ELSE, IT PERMITTED A CLARIFICATION OF THE BRITISH THREE-TIER APPROACH TO THE UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA, AS WELL AS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS GENERALLY SUPPORTING THE THREE-TIER APPROACH AS CLARIFIED. U.K. DEL INDICATED DESIRE TO LIMIT SUBJECTS IN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION TO THOSE WHERE PROGRESS AND CONSENSUS ARE ATTAINABLE. THREE-TIER APPROACH WAS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ORGANIZE AND CO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ORDINATE THEIR PREPARATION, NOT FOR PRESENTATION TO OR DISCUSSION WITH G-77. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED TIER-THREE ITEMS WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. LIST OF ITEMS IN EACH TIER WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVEN TO G-77. DISCUSSIONS WOULD FOCUS ON TIER TWO. GENERAL DECLARATION (TIER ONE) WOULD BE BRIEF, INNOCUOUS AND NON-COMPREHENSIVE. NEW WRINKLES ADDED BY JAPANESE AND CANADIAN DELS, WHO FAVORED HANDING TO G-77 LIST OF NON-NEGOTIABLES(TIER THREE), AND BY DAC CHAIRMAN WHO PROPOSED IDENTIFYING TIER-TWO ITEMS WHICH

RESPOND TO URGENT NEEDS. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INDICATED
THAT THREE-TIER APPROACH MIGHT SERVE AS BASIS FOR
INITIAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF NEW AD HOC HIGH-LEVEL
GROUP ON RELATIONS WITH LDC'S.

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5. THE AD HOC GROUP DECIDED TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING
IN EITHER LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER, SUBJECT TO
OECD COUNCIL'S DECISION TO CONTINUE ITS MANDATE.

6. COMMENT: THERE SEEMED TO BE NO DEPARTURE BY OTHER
OECD MEMBERS FROM PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED AND WELL-KNOWN
POSITIONS ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE G-77
SHOPPING LIST OR ON THE OVERALL APPROACH TO SUCH PRO-
BLEMS AS THE ACCEPTANCE OR NON-ACCEPTANCE OF THE NIEO
AND CERDS. IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE OECD AD HOC COM-
MITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT MET TOO SOON ON THE HEELS OF THE
OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING FOR THIS TO HAVE AFFECTED

ANYONE'S POSITION ON SUBSTANCE. ALL SEEMED SHY OF
ENGAGING IN ANY IN-DEPTH SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW OF THE
ISSUES ANTICIPATED FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. THERE
WAS AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEW AD HOC HIGH-LEVEL
GROUP ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK, SHOULD HAVE AS ONE OF ITS
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PRIORITY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION SUCH A SUBSTANTIVE
REVIEW TO ADVANCE PREPARATIONS FOR THE JUNE 19 PREPCOM
FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. ALTHOUGH DEPUTY SEC-GEN
ELDIN ASSURED GROUP THAT THEIR FUTURE WORK ON PREPARA-
TIONS FOR SPECIFIC MEETINGS IN U.N. FORA WOULD CONTINUE
TO BE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL COOR-
DINATION EFFORT, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING JAPAN
AND BELGIUM, VOICED RESERVATIONS ON FUTURE OF GROUP IN
LIGHT OF FORMATION OF NEW GROUP AND ITS MANDATE.
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